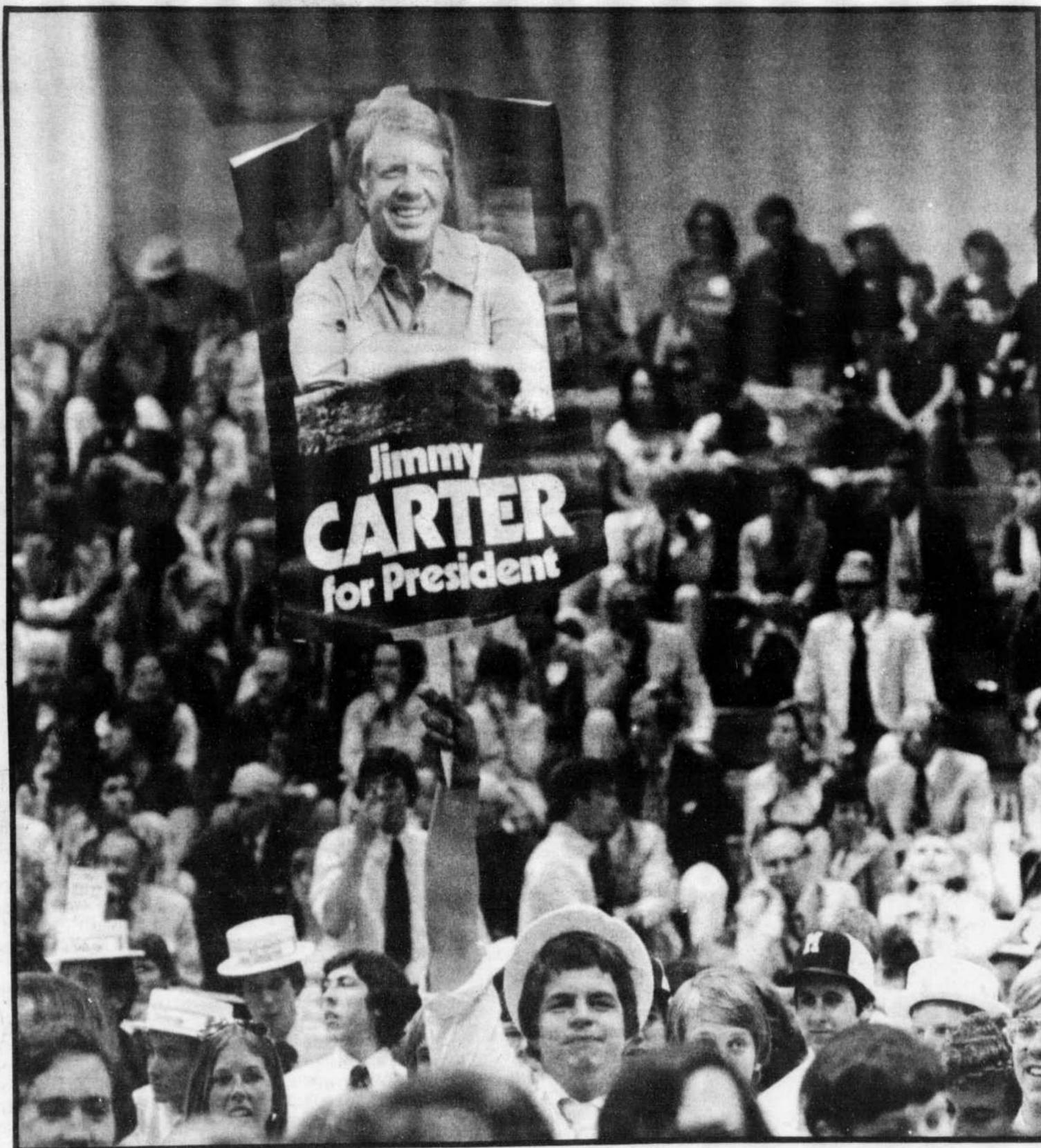


# 1988 MOCK DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

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# Accuracy is part of convention's history

By Jennifer Bandrowski  
Staff Reporter

1988 is the year of W&L's 19th Mock Convention, maintaining an eighty-year-old tradition. The convention began in 1908 as a class project for a politics course taught by Assistant Professor of Economics and Politics W. Jett Lauck.

Students had been inspired a few weeks before by William Jennings Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech, given in Lexington. He was consequently chosen as the Democratic nominee by the first Mock Convention, beginning the convention's 80 year tradition of accuracy.

This first Mock Convention was given nominal, second-page coverage by *The Ring-Tum Phi*. However, the *The Lexington Gazette* ran an impressive front-page story, praising those involved.

"The young gentlemen entered into the meeting with the zest of seasoned politicians, plus the enthusiasm of collegians."

Debates had become so heated at the first convention between supporters of Minnesota Governor John A. Johnson and those of Bryan that fist fights were threatened and the members of the Kansas delegation almost withdrew from the activity.

In 1912, the convention experienced its first error. It nominated Judson Harmon rather than Woodrow Wilson, who was expected to be a dark horse.

In 1916, when Wilson appeared to be the obvious Democratic nominee, W&L students chose to hold a Mock Republican Convention, thus beginning the tradition of predicting the outcome of the convention for the party out of power in the White House.

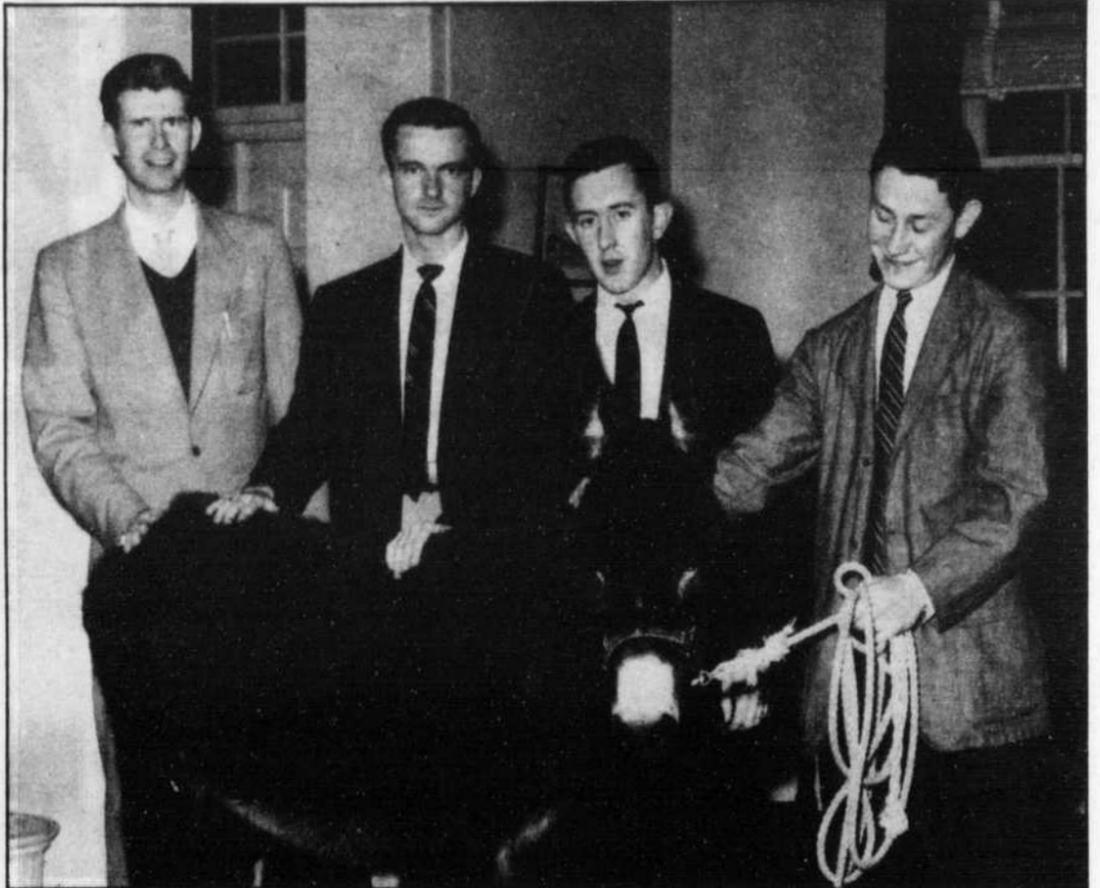
With the majority of W&L students at this time being Democrats, those involved with the 1916 Convention learned of the need for intense research, which was rewarded with the correct prediction of Charles Evans Hughes.

The 1916 convention began in the new Doremus gymnasium and then moved to Lee Chapel, where the first two had been held. From then on, all conventions were held in Doremus.

Due to a low enrollment and lack of interest following World War I, no convention was held. This was made up for, however, with the exciting wet/dry debates of the 1924 Convention.

Candidates were divided regionally and by issues, leaving delegates puzzled over a compromise candidate. They finally decided on W&L alumnus John W. Davis. Davis was a West Virginia congressman, Solicitor-General, and ambassador to Great Britain.

That summer in New York City, the real convention was also marked by heated debate over the 18th amendment and sectionalist disagreement over candidates. Following the pattern of the W&L students, they



W&L students shown with a Democratic Party representative.

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too selected Davis. The convention closed to the tune of the "W&L Swing," which became Davis' campaign song.

The Convention suffered some hard times from 1936 through 1948, with three wrong predictions and the absence of a convention in 1944, due to the aftermath of World War II.

Since then, however, it has maintained its tradition of accuracy. The only incorrect prediction made since World War II was in 1972 when Edward M. Kennedy was chosen rather than George McGovern.

In 1952, Mock Convention leaders learned the value of maintaining contact with state party leaders, a precedent established by economics major David Constine, who was state chairman of California.

California Governor Earl Warren, a dark horse candidate who would head the California delegation at the actual convention, was trailing Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and World War II hero General Dwight D. Eisenhower after three ballots. Warren contacted Constine and told him to free his delegates, who swung to Eisenhower, giving him the nomination and making Warren his running mate.

The same convention was also highlighted by prominent guest speakers Harold Bratches, the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, and Senator Frank Carlson, Director of the National Eisenhower Headquarters.

The Mock Convention received national attention in the face of tragedy in 1956. Senator Alben Barkley of Kentucky, who

had been Vice President under Truman, was the keynote speaker. Barkley mentioned during his speech the Mock Convention had inspired him to plan on attending the national convention that summer, though he had not planned to previously. He felt "like an old firehorse that hears the bell." Becoming more and more emotional as he spoke, Barkley exclaimed, "I would rather be a servant in the house of the Lord than to sit in the seats of the mighty." These would be the Senator's last words for he collapsed suddenly of a heart attack and fifteen minutes later was pronounced dead.

With the encouragement of Barkley's widow, convention activity was resumed a week later to accurately nominate Adlai Stevenson. At the next convention, Harry Truman himself would be the keynote speaker.

Since then, the Convention has continued its accuracy as well as attracted much attention to Lexington every four years.

Recent conventions have featured such large political figures as Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, and Barry Goldwater, and the 1988 convention has already been kicked off, of course, with the speech of Jesse Jackson.

Parades in the 1950s often included Miss America and other beauty queens.

And of course there is the press attention that the Mock Convention has received. *Time* magazine calls it the "boomingest of quadrennial campus mass ventures into political prediction," and *Newsweek* labels it "the most realistic." Tom Sherwood of *The Washington*

*Post* wrote in 1984, "Forget California on July 5. Never mind who will win in New Jersey. The Democrats will nominate Walter F. Mondale..." when reporting the result of that year's Mock Convention.

## ACCURACY

- 1908 RIGHT with Wm. Jennings Bryan
- 1912 Wrong with Judson Harmon: (Wilson received the nomination)
- 1916 RIGHT with Charles Evans Hughes
- 1920 No convention held
- 1924 RIGHT with John W. Davis
- 1928 RIGHT with Al Smith
- 1932 RIGHT with FDR
- 1936 Wrong with Arthur Vandenburg: (Landon received the nomination)
- 1940 Wrong with Charles L. McNary: (Wilkie received the nomination)
- 1944 no convention held
- 1948 Wrong with Vandenburg: (Dewey received the nomination)
- 1952 RIGHT with Dwight Eisenhower
- 1956 RIGHT with Adlai Stevenson
- 1960 RIGHT with JFK
- 1964 RIGHT with Barry Goldwater
- 1968 RIGHT with Richard Nixon
- 1972 Wrong with Edward M. Kennedy: (McGovern received the nomination)
- 1976 RIGHT with Jimmy Carter
- 1980 RIGHT with Ronald Reagan
- 1984 RIGHT with Walter Mondale



John Warner at an earlier Mock Convention.

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Cover photo by Sally Mann.

# Young, Robb, Clinton selected as speakers

By Rob McPherson  
Staff Reporter

Mayor Andrew Young of Atlanta will get things started at the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention when he addresses the congregation as the event's keynote speaker.

Young will speak on the morning of March 25 and will deliver his speech just prior to the choosing of candidates, said Lester Coe, co-chairman of the convention.

Traditionally, the keynote address at a political convention has been used to open the ceremonies, usually in a dynamic fashion. Coe said Young was asked to deliver the speech because of his ability to entertain and his recognizable name.

"He's a very dynamic speaker who doesn't hold back very much," said Coe.

In addition to Young, five other prominent Democrats will speak during the two-day long, three session convention.

At the first session, Gov. Gerald Baliles and Lt. Gov. Douglas Wilder will speak along with

sixth district U.S. Rep. Jim Olin.

At the second session, former governor of Virginia Charles Robb will deliver the opening address and Bill Clinton, the governor of Arkansas, will deliver the platform address. Both Robb and Clinton are powerful Democrats, according to Coe. He said Clinton is presently one of the party's top two choices for vice-president.

Young's speech and the choosing of the candidates will make up the third session.

Coe said the convention staff had been working to get Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee as a speaker and almost had him scheduled for March 4. However, according to Coe, time limitations and Fancy Dress caused scheduling problems.

"We had somewhat of an opportunity to get [Gore]," he said, "but there were too many things to be taken care of in too short a period of time."

Coe said the Mock Convention is generally a respected name and when someone from

the Mock Convention calls a speaker, the speaker usually has at least heard of the event.

"We have a lot of strong selling points," Coe said.

"It seems that when we're in touch with someone they take a long, hard look at us, even if they have something scheduled," he added.

Coe said W&L's location sometimes presents a problem because speakers can't fly directly into Lexington.

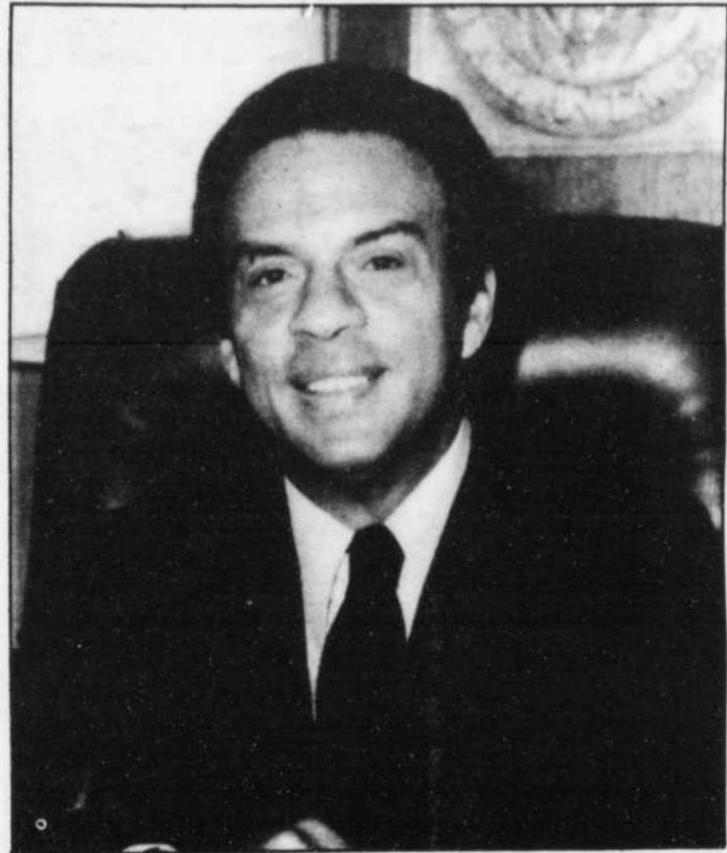
"Sometimes, a speaker just doesn't have time to fly to Roanoke, drive 40 minutes, speak, and drive back another 40 minutes," he said.

According to Coe, the convention staff considered several prominent Democrats in trying to get speakers.

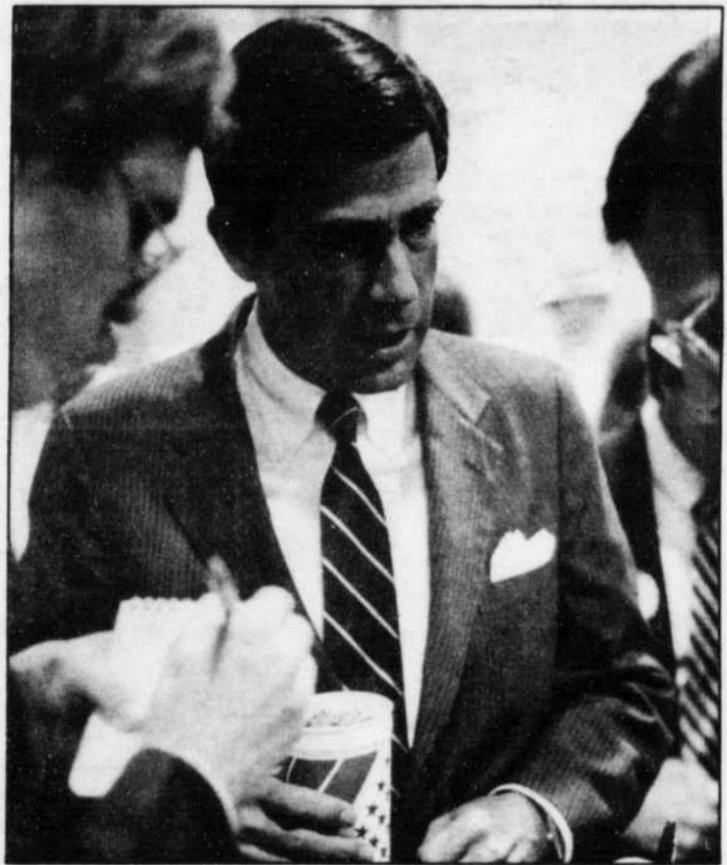
"Any big name you can think of, we looked into it," he said.

"You tend to pursue where you think you have contacts."

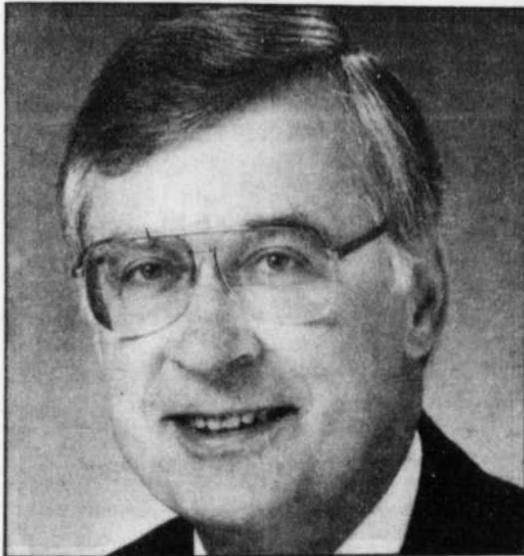
The Mock Convention will take place March 24 and 25. The first and second sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively on the 24th. The third session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the 25th.



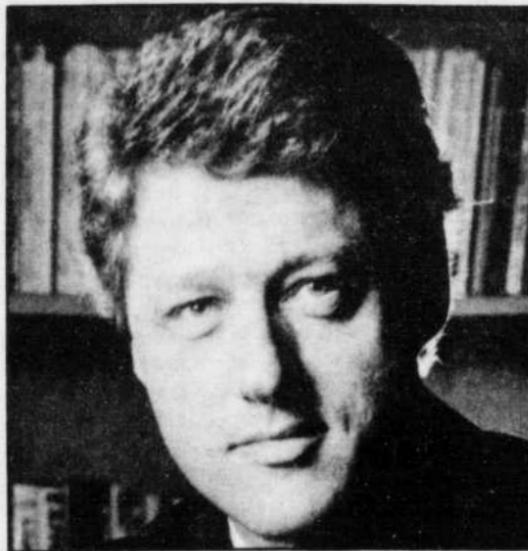
Andrew Young



Charles Robb



Gerald Baliles



Bill Clinton

## Conner: persistence is main research technique

By Wendy Wolford  
Staff Reporter

One of the major tasks of the Mock Convention Committee involves researching the individual states and the candidates in order to successfully predict the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee. According to Sam Conner, chairman of the credentials committee and coordinator of the Upper South region, the main research tactic is persistence.

The long process begins with each state chairman who must develop contacts within his state, keep up with the media and gather enough information to

discover what kind of people live in his area and which candidates they are likely to support. The Democratic party chairmen on the state and national level usually provide a good starting point.

Contacts extend to reporters, elected officials, political consultants, and academics as well. Porter Davis, regional coordinator of the Midwest, finds that "the state chairmen need to establish a rapport with political writers as well as the Democratic national chairpersons."

In interviewing national and state organizations and contacts, the researchers have an agenda of issues to inquire about from domestic to foreign affairs. Their findings focus mainly on

demographic data, past voting records, the media, and election polls.

This year the work of the committee has been assisted by the Presidential Campaign Hotline. This computerized information search provides a daily synopsis of newspaper and magazine articles as well as television broadcasts by each state. Conner believes this is an advantage to the committee because "it saves time and money by not having to subscribe to the individual publications."

The next step in the research process involves the efforts of the regional coordinators. According to Rob Ryan, the Eastern regional coordinator, his

"primary responsibility is keeping up with the state chairmen and analyzing their research." The five regional coordinators correlate the information on the states in their areas to determine the more popular candidates.

Together, the state chairmen, political directors and the five regional coordinators put forth an effort to determine which candidate each state will support after the research is complete. Recent polls and primaries held before the Mock Convention are helpful in determining which candidates to support as well.

Because the Mock Convention is being held earlier this year, some of the states' primaries will

not be held until after the event is over. Conner concluded, "because the primary season is much hotter than in the past, the convention takes more of an educational and predictive effort." There is also the added responsibility of guaranteed confidentiality when dealing with sources.

As the convention draws near, the work of the committee intensifies. Persistence in gathering research is indeed necessary. Now that their jobs in research are almost complete, the committee hopes to fulfill their main objective which according to Rob Ryan is "promoting authenticity in choosing the right candidate."

# MC state parade promises creative floats



The Idaho float in an earlier parade.

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Students work to put together a float.

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By Heidi Read  
Staff Reporter

Big floats, little floats, horse-drawn floats and cars. This is the Mock Convention state parade.

On Thursday, March 24 most state delegations will begin building their floats. Some states may begin earlier, but the majority of the states will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Lexington High School's Brewbaker Field. All floats must be on the field by 3 p.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Friday and is scheduled to last about two hours.

According to Mock Convention Parade Chairman Frank Kannapel, the parade will begin at Lexington High School on Wallace Street, turn right on Main Street, left on Washington Street and end at Warner Center. State congressman Jim Olin will be the Parade Marshal.

The judges reviewing stand is scheduled to be on the corner of Main and Nelson streets. Kannapel said that there will be three float judges and three band judges.

The float judges will be from the W&L Art Department and the band judges will be from the Music Department. Floats will be judged on appearance and will receive cash prizes.

First prize is \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50. Bands will be judged on marching ability and music. The first three places in each category will receive trophies.

Kannapel said most of the area high schools and middle school bands will be participating in the parade as well as the W&L ROTC Color Guard. Lexington

Fire Department, the Liberty Hall Volunteers and the Palmetto Sharp Shooters, a group of Civil War re-enactment soldiers, will also march down the parade route.

Several of the larger states have sent out material and held phone-a-thons soliciting funds for their state expenses. Both California and Colorado have sponsors that will help support their Mock Convention endeavors. Kannapel said Coors is sponsoring Colorado and a California raisin company is sponsoring California.

Most state delegations solicit money from family and friends of delegates and alumni in its state. Smaller states and states with few alumni might not be able to be as elaborate in their float decorations due to lack of funds.

Such is the case with Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico Float Chairman Anne Large said that the delegation did not have much money because there was only one alumnus there. However, she said that regardless of lack of funds, the delegates were "having fun and were putting a lot of effort into it." Large said the theme would be something tropical.

Another small delegation, American Samoa, will share a float with Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to its chairman, George Nomikos.

Iowa state chairman Bill Maddox said Iowa will most likely have some sort of farm oriented theme. Maddox said he is hoping to have four riders on horseback from Hollins College. He said each horse will have a plaque with a letter spelling out Iowa. Maddox said it was doubtful, but he hoped his delegation could get Miss Iowa 1987 to participate in the parade.

Several other states have been very secretive about their float ideas. New Jersey state chairman Tom Eterogino said, "It's a secret, but you'll understand why when you see it." New Jersey's float idea is so secretive that Eterogino said only a selected few people in the delegation knew what was to be done on the float. We anxiously await New Jersey's float.

New York was also reluctant to give away its float theme. Chairman Don Thayer echoed Eterogino saying "It's a secret."

Wisconsin state chairman Laurel Mattson said that since Wisconsin's two main industries are beer and cheese, the float would be centered around that theme. Mattson said the delegation has planned out the float and hopes to complete some of the work on it the weekend before the parade.

According to Indiana Float Chairman Chris Coffland, the delegation's float is finished. Coffland said, "We just thought of things that reminded us of Indiana and centered our theme around those ideas. We spent \$20." Laughing, Coffland added, "Our grades might have suffered, but..."

Elaborating on the delegation's float, Indiana delegate Sam Obershain said, "There will be one celebrity on the float and various members of the student body. We tried to get David Letterman, but he called and said he couldn't make it."

Coffland said the delegation hopes to raise some money today with a kissing booth in the ODK Circle. He added, "We're looking for Sam to bring in about \$1000." Good luck Indiana.



Coors will sponsor Colorado in this year's convention, as it did in 1984.

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# Bourbon, buttons are among MC memorabilia

By Brooke Jarabek  
Staff Reporter

One of the biggest elements involved in the Mock Convention is the financing. In addition to telethons, alumni contributions, and individual state fund raising, the selling of memorabilia and concessions is a key to financing this important political event. This year, as in years past, t-shirts, skimmer hats, Jim Beam, posters, grain cups, and buttons will be sold.

The T-shirts feature a design by graphic artist Susan Behm from Atlanta. The graphics include a keg in the back of a BMW with two donkeys driving past the capital and heading towards Lexington. The designs on the T-shirt pockets as well as on the grain cups belong to W&L senior Glen Smith. Smith had included the acronym LCWB in his original design because according to memorabilia chairman Todd Barton, "This is the last convention with an all male class. We put it in as a small statement, and we were forced to remove it."

Apparently, Valerie Pierson, secretary of Mock Convention, was offended by the acronym and had it removed. The artist and Barton were outraged.

Another popular item on sale during Convention time is the specially labeled Mock Convention Jim Beam. This bourbon can only be purchased at the Va.

ABC Store located in Lexington. Barton encountered a little difficulty engineering the special order of Beam, but through the help of the ABC office in Richmond, Barton ordered 100 cases or 1200 of the special bottles. Barton says that the Beam which sells for 50-cents cheaper than regular Jim Beam "is selling fast."

Barton hopes revenue from the memorabilia and concession sales will bring in between 5,000 and 10,000 dollars. The memorabilia will be on sale in the University Center on March 21 and 22 as well as on the 500-level of the gym during the Convention.

Hot dogs, Pepsi, which is a special sponsor of the event, chips, and candy will be available in the concessions booth. Packages of Convention memorabilia will be sold at reduced rates.

The memorabilia is good quality, according to Barton. He purchased the T-shirts from Southeast Silk Screeners in Athens, Ga, the posters through Anne Coulling in the W&L print shop and Hickory Oaks Printing, the grain cups from Louisiana Plastics of St. Louis, the buttons from Voters Unlimited in New York, and the hats from Brown and Bigelow.

Barton encourages students to purchase Mock Convention items because he says, "There is only one Mock Convention for every W&L student and it will be well worth remembering."



The official T-shirt, cup, and hat of the 1988 Mock Convention.

By Perry Hayes/The Ring-tum Phi

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# International press to cover convention

By Abb Jones  
Staff Reporter

Journalists from Egypt, France, Japan, Lebanon, Qatar and Saudi Arabia are among the reporters currently scheduled to cover the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention.

According to Tim Bolling, media chairman for the convention, the foreign journalists will be covering the Mock Convention while attending a seminar at W&L designed to help them gain insight into the American Presidential electorate process.

The seminar, titled "The Race of '88", is being co-sponsored by the Foreign Press Center of the United States Information Agency, the W&L Journalism Department and the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention. Speakers will include Betty Cole Dukert, producer of NBC's "Meet the Press", Ken Tomlinson, senior editor of "Reader's Digest", W&L Journalism Professor and Pulitzer prize winner Clark Mollenhoff and William Anderson of the USIA.

Bolling, a senior from Huntington, W.Va., has been working since last year to raise interest among the state and national media regarding the convention.

"What we've done is gotten together a mailing list of all the newspapers in the state, all the

newspapers with daily bureaus in Washington, the three major networks, CNN and C-SPAN and all the major news magazines—Newsweek, Time and U.S. News & World Report," said Bolling.

Bolling said covering the Mock Convention should be a learning experience for the foreign journalists, since the convention fairly accurately depicts the actual convention, which the journalists will be covering this summer.

"The idea behind this is to give foreign journalists who aren't used to getting outside of the D.C. area a chance to experience first-hand what an actual convention is like," he said.

Last May, the Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech on the W&L campus was the first major media event involving the convention. Bolling said the event was covered by NBC Nightly News and USA Today.

The news media, which is expected to be a group of 30 to 40 reporters, cameramen and other assistants, will set up in the wrestling room the Warner Center—the site of the convention, said Bolling. During the convention, the room will be transformed into the press center, stocked with phone lines and podiums for press conferences.

The journalists covering the convention will include reporters from the Associated Press and United Press International news wire services, Westinghouse Newsfeed, a national news service which provides television broadcast stories for the nation's TV stations, several national and state TV and radio stations and newspapers, *The Ring-tum Phi* and WLUR, which

will present live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the convention, beginning with the 10 a.m. parade Friday, March 25.

Bolling also said the convention's final results will be sent to several political research publications for possible future scholarly research and publication.

Scheduled speakers for the convention include Atlanta

Mayor and former U.S. representative to the U.N., Andrew Young, Virginia Gov. Gerald Baliles, former Gov. Chuck Robb and Arkansas Gov. William Clinton.

Bolling said that as the convention receives final commitment from remaining possible speakers more journalists will plan on arriving in Lexington to cover the convention.

## First rule of being a delegate is to enjoy the convention

By Andy Nixon  
Staff Reporter

With the W&L Mock Convention rapidly approaching, the time has arrived to mobilize the vast amount of delegates who will crowd the floor of the convention.

The first rule of participating as a delegate, as said by the state chairman Eugene Stephens of North Carolina, is "to sit back and enjoy, because most of the work is already done." The fact is that the money has been raised by the state committees, contacts have been made, and the phone-

athons are over.

There are, however, certain things that delegates can be doing to increase their involvement in the convention. The most obvious thing is to simply be aware. With all the candidates and primaries that have occurred within the past few months, a knowledge of the candidates, issues, and state's opinion would help. As chairman of New York, Jim Sloat, stated, "the delegates should know how the delegates fit into the bigger picture."

A second function delegates participate in is the building of state floats for the convention parade. States have spent a great

deal of time raising money, part of which is designated for the construction of floats. State delegation will also have parties during the weekend of the convention which, of course, delegates are encouraged to attend.

State delegation meetings will be held in the near future in order to coordinate all the final preparations for the convention. And while little knowledge is needed for float building or attending parties, knowledge of the candidates and the current status of the 1988 campaign certainly will help the chances of W&L holding yet another successful Mock Convention.

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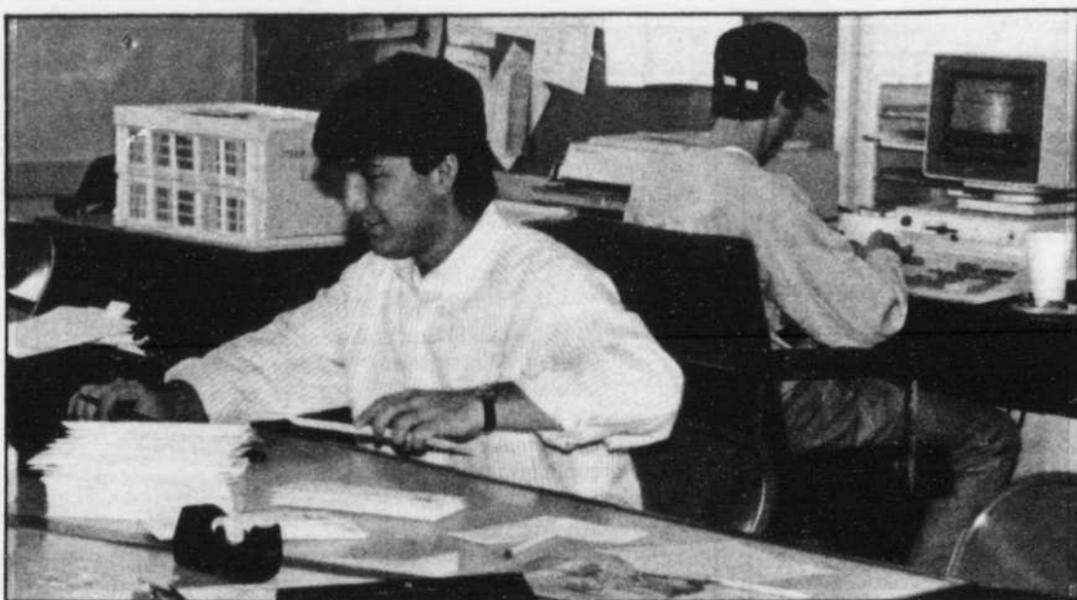


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## Sweat shop

W&L students put in countless hours of volunteer work in preparation for this year's convention.

## Journalists to attend seminar

### From Staff Reports

W&L will host a seminar for foreign journalists on the 1988 presidential election campaign March 24 at 3 p.m. in Northern Auditorium.

The seminar, entitled "The Race of '88", is sponsored by the Foreign Press Center of the United States Information Agency, the W&L Department of Journalism and Communications, and the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention.

Panelists include Ken Tomlinson, senior editor of *Reader's Digest*; Betty Cole Bukert, producer of NBC News' long-running *Meet the Press*; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Clark R. Mollenhoff, of the W&L Journalism Department; and several W&L journalism students. The panel moderator will be William F. Anderson, of the USIA Foreign Press Center.

Prof. John K. Jennings, Chairman of the W&L Journalism Department, said that the event represented a very positive joint effort between the USIA and W&L.

"We are very pleased to work with the United States Information Agency in setting up a symposium for foreign journalists," said Jennings. "It is, indeed, a fortunate bit of timing that the symposium takes place on the eve of the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention."

The Mock Democratic Convention gets underway the following day, Friday, March 25, in the Warner Center on the W&L campus.

The seminar was set up to allow foreign journalists to gain insight into the many complicated factors that go into the election of a U.S. president. As many, W&L is perhaps uniquely qualified to host such an event, said Tim A. Bolling, a senior, and Media Chairman of the Mock Convention.

"W&L has the twin benefits of having the oldest school of journalism in the country, and the Mock Convention, which is an unsurpassed predictor of presidential politics," said Bolling. "But we also take pride in the level of authenticity at the

Mock Convention. We accurately duplicate all aspects of a real nominating convention."

This level of realism makes organizers confident that they will be able to offer such unique insights into the factors that will determine the future leadership of the U.S.

"The convention should give the foreign journalists a good preview of the real thing to take place this summer in Atlanta," said Jennings.

News organizations already scheduled to participate in the seminar include the Voice of America, which is broadcast throughout the world, one of the largest TV networks in Japan, and leading news organizations from France, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Lebanon, and Egypt.

## Budget tops \$136,000

By Eleanor Nelson  
Staff Reporter

The financial organization of the 1988 Mock Democratic Convention has successfully reached its fund raising goals. Preparation and organization have eliminated problems in the areas of fund raising and funding the convention. Spending has been frugal in previous months to insure a good position at the time of the convention, says Treasurer Brad Watkins.

The committee used innovative measures to raise money and has exceeded the 1984 convention by more than \$2,000, even though this year's falls earlier in the school calendar.

The budget, roughly \$136,000, comes from a vast number of sources and finances every aspect of the convention. The Executive Committee designated \$25,000 to the convention from its budget of the Student Activities Fees.

The Hatton W. Sumners Foundation of Dallas, Texas contributes to the convention every four years by donating the interest drawn off its principle; this year it yielded \$32,000.

Through organized mailings and a phone-a-thon, approximately \$45,000 has been raised.

Funds came primarily from alumni, parents, and businesses. The timing of the convention's fund raising was carefully spaced with those of the development office in order to maintain good donor relations for the university.

T-shirt and memorabilia sales raise roughly \$15,000. Adver-

tisements in the journal draw \$4,000. The convention relies on each of the states to share a large responsibility of the fund raising.

Each state must raise a minimum of funds that is designated by the treasurer according to the state's size and number of delegates. Each state chairman received listings of parents and alumni living in their state. The states raise money to cover their own expenses such as float construction and political research; the states also give to the treasury of the general convention.

The steering committee estimated the various expenses of the convention and organized a budget accordingly. Guest speakers and the expenses of facilities, operations, and security consume a large portion of the funds. Committee operations and political research also make demands on the budget.

This year the Mock Convention office uses one of the university's IBM computers and a Hewlett Packard Laser Printer at the cost of one year's depreciation.

Finance Chairman, Jim Metcalfe designed a computer accounting program for the finances of the individual states and the general convention. It allows the finance committee to make daily updates of the donations received. The committee has also compiled a mailing list of donors to help the next convention.

The treasury finances the publication of the Mock Convention Report as well as the correspondence with the media and the community.

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**MOCK CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

Friday, March 25, 1988

10:00 a.m.—Parade

**FIRST SESSION**

- 1:00 p.m.—Pre-convention Entertainment; Wildgrass
- 1:30—Call to Order; Milton Colvin, MC Advisor
- 1:35—Presentation of Colors; ROTC, Lt. Col. Snow
- 1:40—National Anthem; Miss VA 1986
- 1:45—Pledge of Allegiance; Milton Colvin
- 1:50—Invocation; Lou Hodges, W&L Chaplain
- 1:55—Call for Convention; Valerie Pierson
- 2:00—Greetings from the University; John D. Wilson
- 2:05—Greetings from Lexington; Mayor Phillips
- 2:10—Greetings from 6th District; Jim Olin
- 2:20—Greetings from the Commonwealth; Gov. Baliles
- 2:30—Greetings from Democratic Party
- 2:40—Credentials Committee Report; Sam Conner
- 2:45—Rules Committee Report; Brad Watkins
- 2:50—Benediction; Lou Hodges
- 2:52—Adjournment

**SECOND SESSION**

- 7:00 p.m.—Pre-convention Entertainment; Wildgrass
- 7:30—Call to Order; Powell Starks
- 7:35—Invocation; Sally Robins, Lex. Pres.
- 7:40—Election of Chairmen:
  - Permanent Administrative Chairman
  - Permanent Coordinating Chairman
  - Permanent Political Chairman
- 7:50—Opening Remarks of Admin. Chair; John Gammage
- 7:55—Opening Remarks of Coord. Chair; Lester Coe
- 8:00—Opening Remarks of Polit. Chair; Chip Gist
- 8:05—Opening Address; Governor Robb
- 8:20—Platform Address; Gov. Clinton
- 8:35—Platform Committee Report; Paul Miles
- 8:40—Platform Debate
- 9:15—Benediction; Sally Robinson, Lex. Pres.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**THIRD SESSION**

- 9:00 a.m.—Pre-convention Entertainment; Bottoms Up (RB)
- 9:30—Call to Order; Brian Shaw, W&L News Office
- 9:40—Pledge of Allegiance; Brian Shaw
- 9:45—National Anthem; Cathy Tiernan
- 9:50—Invocation; Father Noto, St. Patrick's
- 10:00—Keynote Address; Andrew Young
- 10:30—Nominations for President of the United States.
  - Roll Call of the States to select a Nominee for President of the United States
  - Nominations for Vice-President of the United States
  - Roll Call, etc.
  - Benediction; Father Noto
  - Retrieval of the Colors; W&L Color Guard
  - Adjournment

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